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LONDON ANXIOUSLY WATCHING REPORTED PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

WHILE IT IS ESTABLISHED THAT THEY WERE NOT INITIATED IN LONDON, BRITISH OFFICIALS WILL RECEIVE OVERTURES MADE BY GERMANS, WITH CONSIDERATION.

Violent Artillery Bombardment of German Positions Northeast and South of Arras, Believed to Presage Allies' Offensive in the West—Austrian Officer Writes to Geneva that Russian Retreat on Eastern Front is a Master Piece of Devastation, Even the Roads Being Obliterated—Official Petrograd Statement Says, Turkish Attempt to Dislodge Russians on Caucasus Front Resulted in Turks Being Put to Flight, Two Hundred Turks Being Killed—Berlin Reports German Success at Bridge Head, Forty Miles Below Riga, with More than Three Thousand Prisoners—New Type of German Submarine, Larger in Size, Reported off Norwegian Coast.

London, Sept. 4.—While it has been established that London had no part in the initiation of the informal peace negotiations, it is plain here today that the British officials are keenly interested in the new activity in that direction.

If there are evidences of "proper peace overtures" being made by Germany, they will meet with consideration here.

Allies' Violent Bombardment
Paris, Sept. 4.—Particularly violent artillery engagements occurred yesterday northeast and south of Arras and at other points close to the Oise and Aisne Rivers. It is believed this persistent bombardment of the German positions presages the offensive by the allies in the west.

Laid Country Waste.
Geneva, Sept. 4.—A letter published here from an Austrian officer on the eastern front, says the Russian retreat was a masterpiece of devastation, leaving an immense sea of flames behind them, everything was burned. The roads are indescribably cut up and obstructed.

Another German Victory.
Berlin, Sept. 4.—The German army fighting for the possession of the Russian port of Riga, has won another important victory, capturing Bridge Head, forty miles below Riga, with more than three thousand prisoners.

Turkish Attack Repulsed
Petrograd, Sept. 4.—An official statement from the Caucasus front, says, on the coast region, the Turks in attempting to dislodge the Russian vanguard were put to flight. Near Olti, the Russians stormed and captured several Turkish trenches, killing two hundred Turks.

Lieutenant Forstner Killed
Berlin, Sept. 4.—Lieutenant Baron von Forstner has been killed in battle. He figured in the Zabern incident in 1913, when he sabered the lame Alsatian and was sentenced to forty-three days' imprisonment.

New Type of Submarine
Berlin, Sept. 4.—A Christiania dispatch says, a new type of German submarine has been seen off the Norwegian coast. The vessel is larger than other submarines.

Navy Department Investigates
Washington, D. C., Sept. 4.—The navy department today started an investigation of the reports that ten American-built submarines have crossed the Atlantic under their own power and are now with the allies' fleet.

Serbia Accepts Proposition
Athens, Sept. 4.—It is announced here that Serbia has accepted in principle the entente proposals for territorial concessions to Bulgaria with the reservation that the new Serbian frontier remain in contact with Greece in some part. The Greek chamber adjourns today until October 4.

WEATHER FORECAST

New Orleans, La., Sept. 4.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for Sunday is fair.

THREE BLACKS DENY MAKING A CONFESSION

NEGROES HELD AT PROVIDENCE FOR MURDER OF DR. MOHR, SAY THEY ARE INNOCENT, AND BELIEVE WIDOW IS INNOCENT.

Providence, R. I., Sept. 4.—The three negroes charged with killing Dr. Franklin Mohr, denied to the Associated Press representative today that they had confessed to the murder at the instigation of Mrs. Mohr.

The negroes said they do not believe Mrs. Mohr had any knowledge of the crime, and that they themselves are innocent.

WOULD LOCATE GLASS PLANT IN ARDMORE

LOUISIANA PARTIES MAKING INQUIRIES, AND IF SATISFACTORY, WILL MOVE PLANT TO THIS CITY. MATTER BEFORE GAS CO.

The B. R. C. Bottle company of Shreveport, La., have written the chamber of commerce for information about the gas supply of this county and also for samples of the glass sand that is abundant in this section. They have in operation a bottle plant in the Louisiana city that is employing at present about 200 hands, and if satisfactory arrangements can be made with the local gas company they will move their plant here where the finest glass sand in the world is said to be plentiful.

The secretary of the chamber of commerce immediately took the matter up with the gas company and will make a report to the bottle company as soon as the company tells him what they will do toward supplying them with gas to operate their plant.

ACREAGE IS REDUCED FORTY THREE PER CENT

SPRAGINS INTERVIEWS 127 FARMERS AND SAYS REDUCTION IS MORE THAN WAS GENERALLY BELIEVED.

That cotton acreage was materially reduced in this county this season is proven by a private investigation among the farmers, made by J. B. Spragins, of this city. He called on 127 farmers, and asked them to set down the number of acres they cultivated in 1914 and also the number they had in cotton this season. The figures show a reduction of nearly 44 per cent.

Three of the 127 farmers had increased their acreage, one from 40 to 145 acres, one from 60 to 150 acres, and one from 25 to 250 acres.

Five Girls Burn to Death
San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 4.—St. Francis Girls' Orphanage was destroyed by fire this morning. Five lives were lost.

NOTICE STUDENTS
Any student contemplating leaving the city for their respective schools will confer a favor upon The Ardmoreite by telephoning their names to this office.

CONCENTRATING ALONG BORDER

STATE DEPARTMENT HAS NO ADVICES THAT MEXICAN TROOPS ARE CONCENTRATING.

TWO HUNDRED DEAD

Consul Silliman Reports Appalling Train Wreck East of Mexico City Several Weeks Ago, in Which Two Hundred Persons Were Killed.

Washington, Sept. 4.—The state department received no advices to substantiate the current reports that Mexican troops are concentrating along the border in northeastern Mexico, although the situation is viewed here with increasing apprehension.

Practically all of the mobile forces are at the disposal of General Funston.

Fired Across the Border.
Brownsville, Tex., Sept. 4.—Forty Carranza soldiers fired across the Rio Grande at a rancher and some Texas rangers four miles west of old Hidalgo today. All available cavalry is now being rushed there.

Horrible Train Wreck.
Washington, Sept. 4.—American Consul Silliman reports an "appalling train wreck" two hundred miles east of Mexico City several days ago. Two hundred persons, including many women and children, were killed.

CALL MEETING OF THE CITY SCHOOL BOARD

ONE TEACHER GIVEN YEAR'S LEAVE OF ABSENCE, ANOTHER APPOINTED TO FILL THE VACANCY.

Friday night the school board met in called session to dispose of some urgent matters pertaining to the city schools.

All members were present. Superintendent Richards recommended that Mrs. Lillian Hayes be granted a year's leave of absence which was requested by her, and Mrs. Louis Boyd was chosen as teacher in her stead. Miss Daisy Nichols was re-elected as visiting teacher. Miss Nichols had refused to let her name be used in connection with this position as she announced that she would not teach this year, but friends of the school, together with all the school officials prevailed upon her, until finally she accepted.

Prof. Richards recommended that one-fourth unit be granted each student in music each year if his or her work was satisfactory to the faculty, which was adopted. He also recommended that each student whose daily grade was 85 per cent, and deportment satisfactory, with no unexcused tardy marks against them be exempt from all term examinations.

MARTIAL LAW IN HAYTI

Rear Admiral Proclaims Martial Law in Districts Occupied by Troops
Port au Prince, Hayti, Sept. 4.—Rear Admiral Caperton today proclaimed martial law in all Haytien districts occupied by American troops. The people are calm.

MORE GAS VICTIMS

Tulsa, Okla., Sept. 4.—Three persons were fatally burned and one other seriously, in a natural gas explosion near Oilton last night.

MUCH GOLD TO AID HANDLING OF THE COTTON

GOVERNMENT TO PLACE FIVE MILLION DOLLARS IN GOLD IN EACH OF RESERVE BANKS AT RICHMOND, ATLANTA, DALLAS.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 4.—Orders were signed today making the federal reserve banks at Richmond, Atlanta and Dallas government depositories. Each bank will receive five million dollars in gold, to aid the cotton producer. The gold will probably be shipped out tonight.

THE ADA FAIR WAS A HUGE SUCCESS

RETURNING ARDMOREITES STATE THAT THE FIRST FAIR IN THAT CITY WAS A HUMMER, WITH THOUSANDS OF VISITORS.

Several Ardmore citizens who attended the fair at Ada, returned yesterday and state that it was a great success from every standpoint.

The farmers of Pontotoc county took an active interest in the fair with the result that some fine exhibits of live stock and products of the farm and garden were on display. The races were especially good and some good sport witnessed by those who still think harness racing the finest sport in the world.

A feature of Friday was a delegation of Madill citizens who arrived in a special train of five cars with a band to attend the fair and invite the citizens of Ada and Pontotoc county to visit the Marshall county fair to be held at Madill in a few days. The officers of the Ada fair association are confident that the fair is going to stimulate interest in better farming and more careful breeding of stock and will be worth many times what it has cost the taxpayers.

NIGHT SCHOOL IS PROVING A BIG SUCCESS

OLD PEOPLE WHO MISSED THE ADVANTAGES OF YOUTH, ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF FREE MOONLIGHT SCHOOLS.

Three moonlight schools have been established in Carter county, one at Blue Ribbon, one at Brock, and one in district 39, at Keller. The latter is the only one that has made a report and that one is most satisfactory to the county superintendent. Prof. W. M. Johns, who is teaching the school at Keller, will teach in the district school there this season. He has outlined a system that is proving very successful, and the people about Keller are eagerly taking advantage of it. The attendance has been about 20 pupils, and the sessions are held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday night. His course covers a period of four weeks, and will include twelve lessons.

The moonlight school is conducted strictly for old people. The younger ones have an opportunity of a day school. Prof. Johns who is a graduate of a business college, is giving them some practical lessons, and the people about Keller are "strong for him" and his methods. The night schools are absolutely free to everyone over a certain age.

MANY HOUSES WASHED AWAY

GULF STORM UNUSUALLY SEVERE ALONG COAST OF FLORIDA.

BERMUDA IS CUT OFF

Communication With Bermuda Was Severed Yesterday and Result of Tropical Storm There Cannot Be Ascertained.

Tampa, Fla., Sept. 4.—The storm along the Florida coast today washed away a quarter of a mile of the south end of Sand Keys Islands, opposite Clearwater. No lives were lost, but all houses were washed away.

Cable to Bermuda Cut.
Washington, Sept. 4.—Interrupted cable communication with Bermuda today left the weather bureau without definite information on the Atlantic storm. The last reports indicated that it was headed north to northwest, toward the American coast.

Cedar Keys Flooded.
Washington, Sept. 4.—The center of the tropical storm is approaching the Gulf coast near the North Apalachicola river. It is expected to pass inland with diminished intensity. Little damage to shipping is expected. Cedar Keys, Florida, reports water in the main streets there, with the wind blowing a gale.

GOT ANY OLD SCHOOL BOOKS YOU DON'T NEED

IF SO, GIVE THEM TO THE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY. THEY HAVE APPLICATIONS FOR MANY POOR FAMILIES.

Have you got any old school books that you don't need? If you have, call the benevolent society and tell them that they are welcome to them as they have many poor families to supply with books this season, in order that the children may attend school.

Mrs. Kahn, the president, says that all contributions will be gratefully received, and a telephone message to her or to Mrs. Curtis at the county court house will get an immediate response. Last year the people were generous in their donations of old books and they were all put to good use. They were exhausted, however, and more will be required this year.

School opens Monday, September 13. All donations should be made before that time.

Births.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Carr on North Washington street, at 940 Saturday morning, a son.

NO PAPER MONDAY

The Ardmoreite will join with the throng of workers tomorrow and will celebrate the day dedicated to the cause of labor and will not publish any paper. The day will be well observed in the city. All offices of a public nature will be closed. Almost every business house except the drug stores will be closed, the banks and post office will rest from their labors. The day will be celebrated at Whittington Park with a big barbecue, and a few hundreds will visit the lakes and the country club, while others will hike to the mountain streams in the Arbuckle.